PROPOSAL
Demolish a ca. 1953 house.

ARCHITECTURE
One-story frame Ranchette clad in horizontal wood siding with masonry accents, side-gabled roof clad in composition shingles, multi-light picture window and single 6-light casement windows, partial-width porch, and built-in carport at main elevation.

RESEARCH
The house was constructed in 1953 by builder Walter Carrington. Its first owner-occupants were Marvin E. and Alief H. Lewis, who lived in the house until at least 1977. Marvin Lewis worked at the Texas State Highway Commission until at least 1968, first as a special equipment operator and then as a construction supervisor. Alief Halton Lewis’s mother, Mrs. John C. Halton, lived with the Lewis family in their home for a year until her death. Alief H. Lewis and her mother were descendants of Stephen F. Austin’s first colony in Texas.

By 1981, the house was vacant; it was occupied during the remainder of the ‘80s and ‘90s by short-term owners.

STAFF COMMENTS
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark
1) The building is more than 50 years old.
2) The building appears to retain high to moderate integrity.
3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (LDC, §25-2-352).
   a) Architecture. The house is constructed in the Ranchette/Transitional Ranch style.
   b) Historical association. The house does not appear to meet the criterion for significant historical association, as it does not have long-standing significant associations with persons, groups, institutions, businesses, or events of historic importance; the Commission may consider its residents as examples of middle-class residents of Austin.
   c) Archaeology. The house was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
   d) Community value. The house does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic group.
   e) Landscape feature. The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center.
PROPERTY INFORMATION

*Photos*

1992  Susan Koegel, owner
1985-86  Kevin and Karen T. Greene, owners  
         Accountant  
         The directory indicates that the Greenes are new residents.
1981  Vacant
1977  Marvin E. and Alief H. Lewis, owners  
         Retired
1973  Marvin E. and Alief H. Lewis, owners  
         Retired
1968  Marvin E. and Alief H. Lewis, owners  
         Construction supervisor, State Highway Department
1965  Marvin E. and Alief H. Lewis, owners
1962  Marvin E. and Alief H. Lewis, owners  
         Laborer, State Highway Department
1959  Marvin E. and Alief H. Lewis, owners  
         Equipment operator, State Highway Department
1955  Marvin E. and Alief H. Lewis, owners  
         Special equipment operator, State Highway Department
Biographical Information

The Austin Statesman; Jan 6, 1972

CARPENTERS HONORED — Three Austin men, veteran members of Local 1296, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, were cited Wednesday for their 60-plus years of membership in the union. Left to right are T.W. Robisher, James R. Davis, and seated, Edwin Schneider. Robisher, 83, 4501 Finley Dr., and Schneider, 82, 613 Hearn St., received pins for 65 years of membership in the union. Davis, 80, 2209 E. 16th St., received a 60-year pin. Standing, center, is G.A. McNeill, business representative for Local 1296, and fastening the pin to Schneider’s lapel is William Sidell of Washington, first general vice president of the national carpenters-joiners union. (Staff Photo by Richard Creed)

DEATHS and FUNERALS

MRS. JOHN C. HALTON SR.
Funeral services for Mrs. John C. Halton Sr., 77, will be held in the Wood-Corley Funeral Home Wednesday at 3 p.m., with the Rev. C. E. Grimes of the Round Rock Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Capital Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Halton, a descendant of members of Stephen F. Austin’s first colony in Texas, died Tuesday night in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Marvin Lewis, 4907 Finley Drive.

The daughter of Joseph T. and Jennie Dyer Davis, Mrs. Halton was born Sept. 6, 1896, in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dyer, at Kenney’s Fort in Palm Valley, a Williamson County community east of Round Rock.

She was a descendant of two of the old “Colony of 300.” William Stafford and Judge C. C. Dyer.

A resident of Austin the past three years, Mrs. Halton lived all her life in Round Rock until moving here.

She is survived by her husband; two other daughters, Mrs. Ernest L. Lundellius of Austin and Mrs. Elliott E. Brogden of Georgetown; two sons, John C. Halton Jr. of Houston and J. Gail Halton of Austin; two brothers, Swenson Davis of Stamford and Dr. Joe Davis of Welfare; and a sister, Mrs. Starkey Duncan Sr. of Austin.

The Austin Statesman; Aug 11, 1954

MRS. LOUISE RENO
Mrs. Louise Jorgerson Reno, 73, a lifetime resident of Austin, died in Houston Sunday. She was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church.

She is survived by one son, Vincent Reno, and two grandchildren, all of Houston.

Burial services were held Tuesday in the Chapel of the Bells, and requiem mass followed in St. Mary’s Catholic Church Wednesday.

Pallbearers were Ralph Nuhn, Charles Schneider, Bill Beamer, Sonny Ott, George Greis, and Adolph Cuellar.

Burial was at Mt. Calvary Cemetery under the direction of the Wiike-Thurman-Clay Funeral Home.

ROBERT MARTIN STENE
Robert Martin Stene, 82, of 1066B San Antonio died at his residence Wednesday. He had been a resident of Austin for the past 27 years, and was a retired cartographer. He was a member of the Episcopal Church of Good Shepherd, a professional engineer, a member of the Engineers Club and of the Ben Hur Shrine Temple.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Lyla Stene of Austin.

The body is at the Hyfill-Manor Funeral Home pending completion of funeral arrangements.

HENRY F. WERCHAN

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Building Permits

Walter Carrington
182 N. 64.43' of 17.

4507 Finley Dr.

Shoal Village #2

Frame Res. & Carport Attached.

82959  1-19-53  $9000.00

Owner

Building permit, 1-19-53

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

D No. 7582

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AUSTIN, TEXAS

Address  4507 Finley Dr.

Amount  TWENTY 800

Plumber  A. J. AVL PLBC.: 66

Date of Connection  3-3-53

Size of Tap Made: 2".

Size Service Made: 2"

Size Main Tapped: 2".

From Front Prep. Line to Carb. Cock 7-5

From Prep. Line to Carb. Cock 7-5

Location of Meter  2-5

Type of Box  1686B

Depth of Main in 3'  5' 4"

Depth of Service Line  6' 4"

From Carb. Cock to Tap on Main

Water tap permit, 1-28-53

DEPOT 4320: 3952

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